(ख) उपर्युक्त परियोजना पर विगत तीन वर्षों में किए गए व्यय का ब्यौरा नीचे दर्शाया गया है:—

(आंकड़े अमेरिकी मिलियन डालर में)

1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
7.950	4.095	0.834

(ग) गेवरा परियोजना के विस्तार हेतु विश्व बैंक से प्राप्त ऋण को लाभकारी रूप से प्रयुक्त किया गया है। इस परियोजना के तापीय कोयले की आपूर्ति को बढ़ाने संबंधी उद्देश्य को प्राप्त कर लिया गया है। इस परियोजना से कोयले का उत्पादन लक्ष्य सदैव निर्धारित समय-सीमा से पूर्व प्राप्त कर लिया जाता है, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप वर्ष 1989-90 में 10 मिलियन टन उत्पादन का परियोजना लक्ष्य प्राप्त कर लिया गया। अर्थात, 1991-92 की नियत समय-सीमा से दो वर्ष पूर्व लक्ष्य प्राप्त कर लिया गया। ऋण की राशि में से हुई बचत से कोयले का 2.0 मि०टन० प्रतिवर्ष उत्पादन किए जाने संबंधी वृद्ध्यात्मक योजना को विश्व बैंक के अनुमोदन से उन्हें क्रियान्वित किया जाना संभव हो सका। कोयले का वास्तविक उत्पादन लगभग 15 मिलियन टन प्रतिवर्ष है।

Committee for de-regulation of coal price structure

1492. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee has been set up for studying the de-regulation of the coal pricing structure and coal privatisation (Non-captive) mines;

(b) if so, the details of the report and if not, by when the report is expected; and

(c) the result of analysis of handing over of captive mines to private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) In April, 1995 the Planning Commission constituted a Committee on Integrated Coal Policy for adoption in the Ninth and Tenth Plan periods. The Committee submitted its report on 14.5.96 and the report was placed before the Parliament. Keeping in view the recommendations of the Committee, the Government have taken the following decisions:—

(i) Deregulation of the prices and distribution of D Grade of non-coking coal, hard coke and soft coke with immediate effet.

(ii) Allowing Coal India Limited (CIL) and the Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) to fix the prices of E, F and G grades of non-coking coal till Ist January, 2000, once every six months by updating the cost indices as per the escalation formula contained in the 1987 report of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices.

(iii) Allowing CIL and SCCL to fix the prices of E, F and G grades of non-coking coal in relation with the market prices and to distribute these grades of coal after Ist January, 2000.

(iv) Subject to legislative changes wherever necessary, the Government have also taken a decision to allocate new blocks on the basis of a coopetitive bidding process in which Indian companies including coal companies in the public sector may participate.

Mines facing closure in Orissa

1493. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a news-item captioned "350 mines in Orissa face closure", published in the 'Tribune' dated the 24th January, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

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